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In response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2005, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered and the accompanying remarks be considered.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

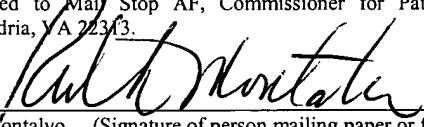
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